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The California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) Provide Free Sewage Mobile Pumpout Services for Boaters in the Delta

The California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) partnered this past Labor Day Weekend with local mobile pumpout company Septic Brothers to provide free pumpouts to boaters in the Delta.

During the weekend event, 51 boats were serviced and a total of 2,745 gallons of sewage were properly disposed of. The pumpouts provided by Septic Brothers pumped out boats around Mildred Island, Delta Yacht Club, Three Rivers Reach, and Power Squadron Island. In addition to receiving the free pumpouts, boaters received information about the impacts of sewage discharges, tips on how their sewage system works on their boat and on how to safely dispose of sewage in the future.

This, in addition to a similar event held during the July 4th Holiday, brings the total volume pumped out during high traffic weekends this year to 5,820 gallons with 101 vessels serviced.

Nutrients in both treated and untreated sewage can lead to massive blooms of algae and invasive plant species, making boat launch ramps slippery and confining waterways. Pathogens from sewage can negatively impact the local wildlife and can cause those in contact with the polluted water to get sick.

In the future, DBW and SFEP encourage boaters that are enjoying weekends in the Delta to dispose of their sewage properly by calling a local mobile pumpout company or by visiting marinas that have sewage pumpouts. These locations can be found in the Delta Pumpout Guide and Map for Boaters, available in marinas or online at www.sfestuary.org/boating.

For additional information on vessel pumpouts, visit:
<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/Environmental/DATP/>

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